

***Press Release  
United States District Court  
for the  
District of Nebraska***

***For Release Thursday Morning, May 29, 2003***

F.A. Gossett, III was sworn in this morning as a United States Magistrate Judge for the Nebraska federal court. Gossett succeeds Magistrate Judge Kathleen Jaudzemis, who retired in May.

Born in Columbus, Nebraska, F.A. Gossett is 58 years old. The judge graduated from Midland College in 1967, and obtained his law degree from Creighton University in 1972. He practiced law, and served as the county attorney of Dodge County, until 1981.

F.A. Gossett was appointed a county judge in 1981. While serving in that capacity, he was elected president of the County Judges Association. During that time he also represented the states of Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Kansas, and Missouri on the Executive Committee of the Conference of Special Court Judges of the American Bar Association.

In 1998, Judge Gossett was appointed to the Nebraska District Court and in that year he also received the Distinguished Service Award from the Nebraska Bar Foundation. In 2000, Judge Gossett received the Distinguished Judge Award for Improvement of the Judiciary from the Nebraska Supreme Court.

Judge Gossett is regarded as an expert on evidence. He is also a nationally and internationally respected scholar and teacher of the judicial arts. In 1995, the nonprofit Nebraska Continuing Legal Education corporation solicited and then published his book, entitled Judge Gossett's Nebraska Evidence Handbook. The judge taught at the National Judicial College, in Reno, Nevada, for 15 years, serving as chairman of the faculty council in 1997. He also instructed fellow judges in 25 states. From 1995 through 2002, he traveled to and taught judges in the Russian Federation; Armenia; the Federated States of Micronesia; and the Marshall Islands.

Judge Gossett will maintain his office in the Roman L. Hruska United States Courthouse in Omaha, Nebraska.

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